

THE PRINCESS
DOESN'T MOVE.



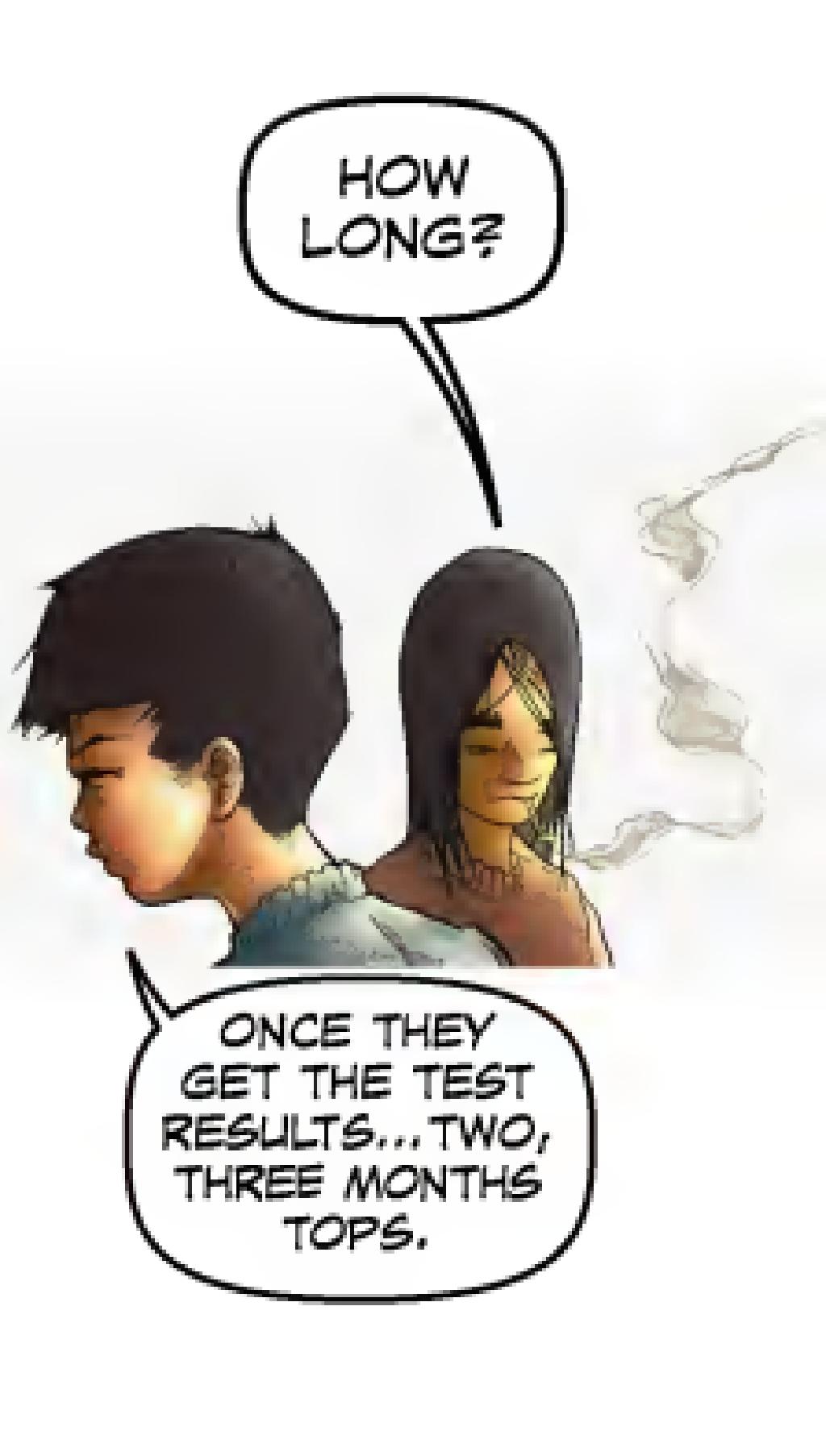
HE STANDS BEFORE HER
FROZEN. "YOU CONSIDER
NOW WHAT TO DO. DON'T
YOU REALIZE YOU'VE
ALREADY CHOSEN?"

A MOMENT'S
HESITATION IS A
MOMENT TOO LONG.

HIS EMPLOYER
TOOK NO CHANCES...



...A SECOND
ASSASSIN
STRIKES.



HOW
LONG?

ONCE THEY
GET THE TEST
RESULTS... TWO,
THREE MONTHS
TOPS.





IN A TIME OF FEUDAL
LORDS, SAMURAI AND
ASSASSINS...

THOUGH GREETED
WARMLY ON HER SAFE
RETURN, THE PRINCESS
KNOWS THE TRUTH!

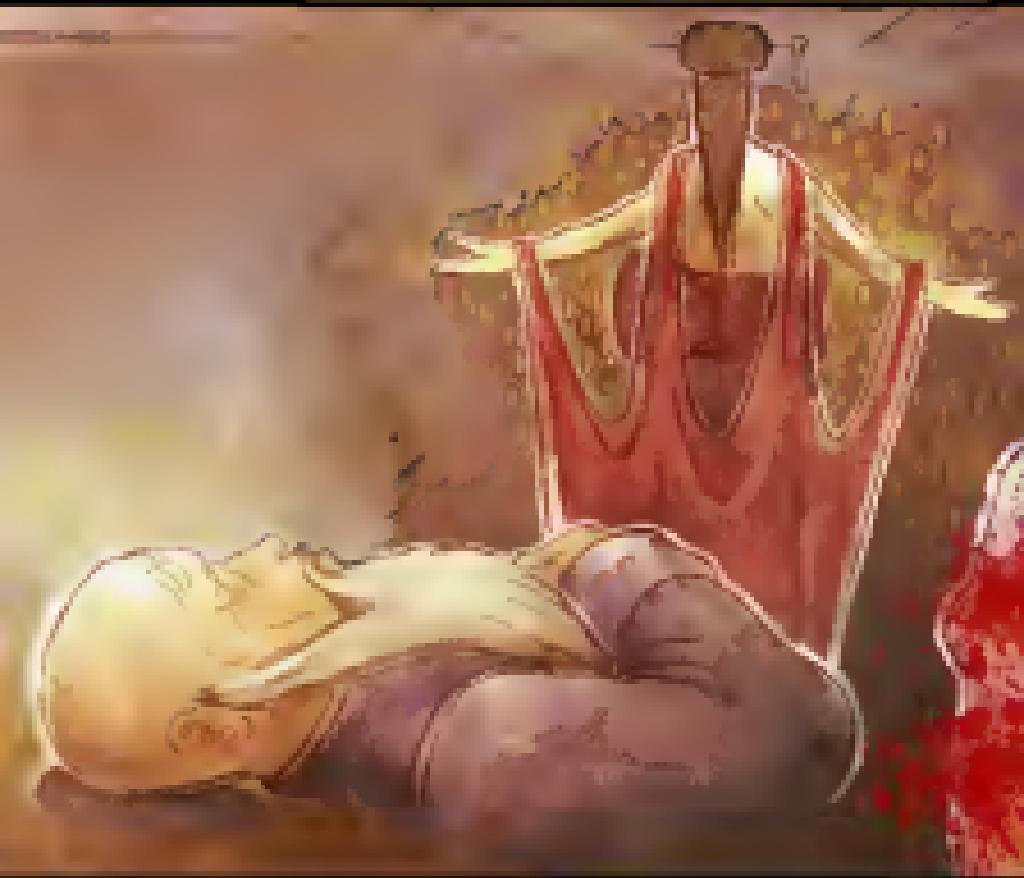


IT WAS
HER FATHER WHO
SENT HER WOULD
BE KILLERS.

BLAMING THE OTHER REALM
WOULD HAVE BEEN INARGUABLE
JUSTIFICATION FOR WAR.

AND FINALLY THE
LORD HIMSELF!

LEAVING ONE HEIR
TO LEAD THE CLAN.



SHE IS A
JUST RULER!

HER KINGDOM
EXPANDS AND
FLOURISHES.



WELL THERE IS ONE...

YOUR GIRLFRIEND
SAVED US SOME BARS.
BUT IF WE WANT TO WORK
ON...YOU KNOW WHAT...WE
GOT TO GET GOING
PRETTY SOON.

JIN, SHE'S
NOT MY
GIRLFRIEND.

IN TIME
SHE WOULD
BE KNOWN AS
**DEATH'S
BRIDE.**



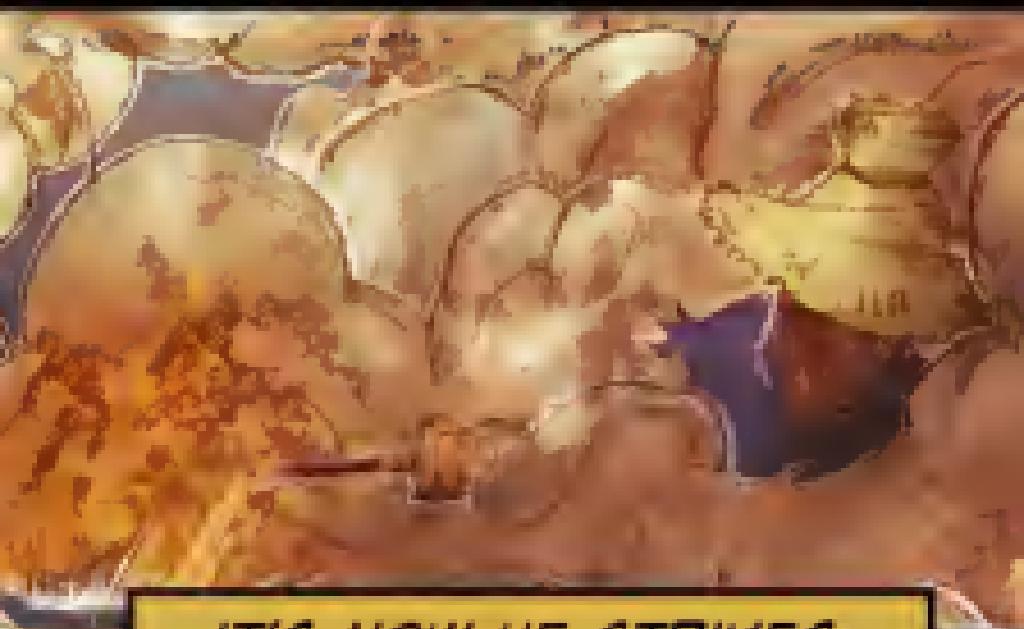
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LETHAL AND PRECISE
THE SECOND ASSASSIN
TRIES TO OVERWHELM
HIS RIVAL WITH SHEER
SPEED AND FURY.



HIS AGGRESSION--

**BLINDING, CHOKING SMOKE
ENGULFS THE STREET.**



**IT'S NOW HE STRIKES,
SWIFTLY DISPATCHING
THE REMAINING GUARDS.
THEIR SCREAMS PIERCE
THE STEADY CRACKLE
OF THE FIRE.**

"IT WILL ONLY
TAKE A MINUTE."



SOMETHING
SHIPPED IN FROM
THIS PLACE OVERSEAS-
CALIFORNIA. I THOUGHT
YOU MIGHT LIKE IT.

AT LAST THE
PRINCESS EMERGES
FROM THE CARRIAGE.



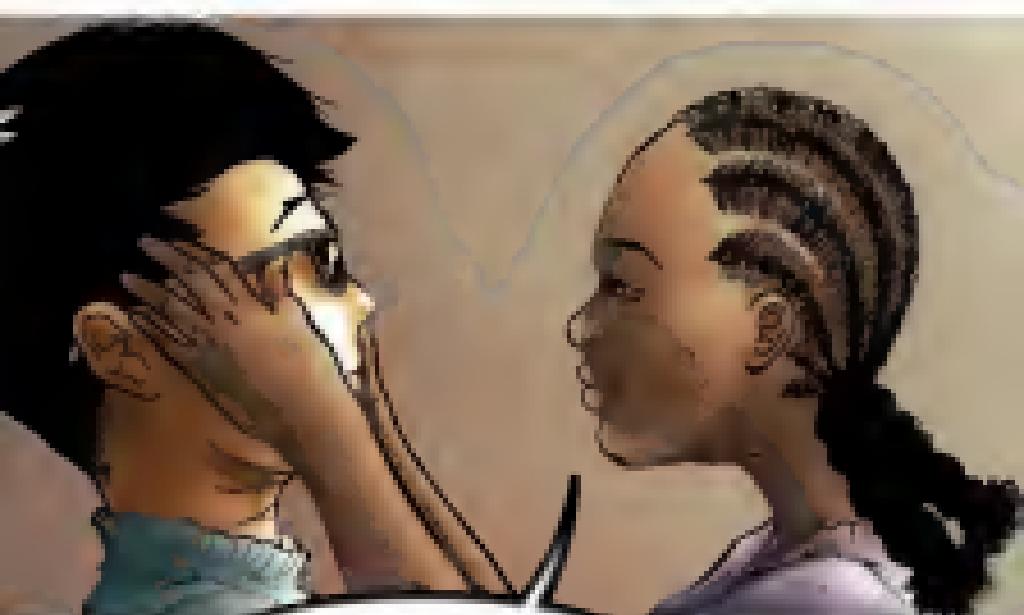
HER COURAGE ARRESTS
THE ASSASSIN'S BLOOD
SOAKED HAND.



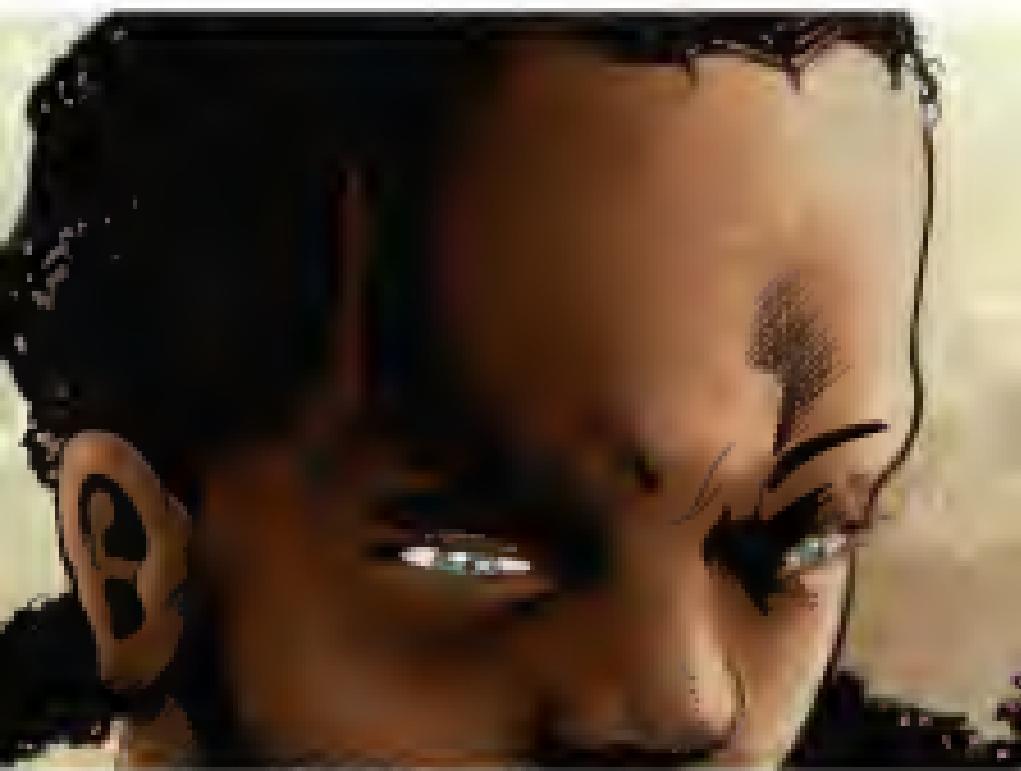
IT ALSO SAYS
HER GRANDFATHER
WAS AN AIR RANGER
IN THE WAR.

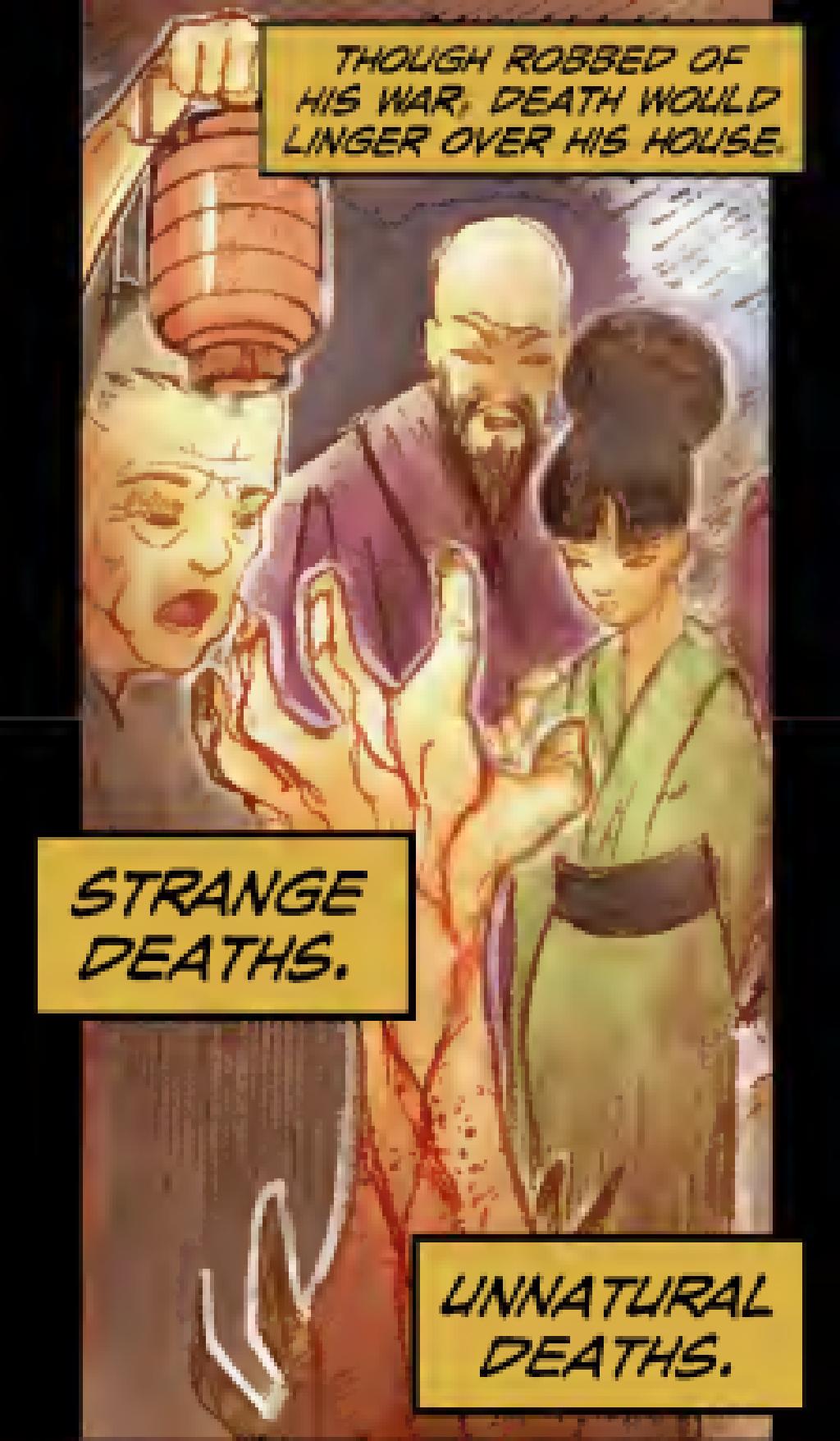
JUST
LIKE IN YOUR
STORY.

WHAT
STORY?



THAT LOOKS
NICE. BUT YOU
GUYS BETTER
GO. IT'LL TAKE
ME ALL DAY TO
SWEEP THIS
PLACE.



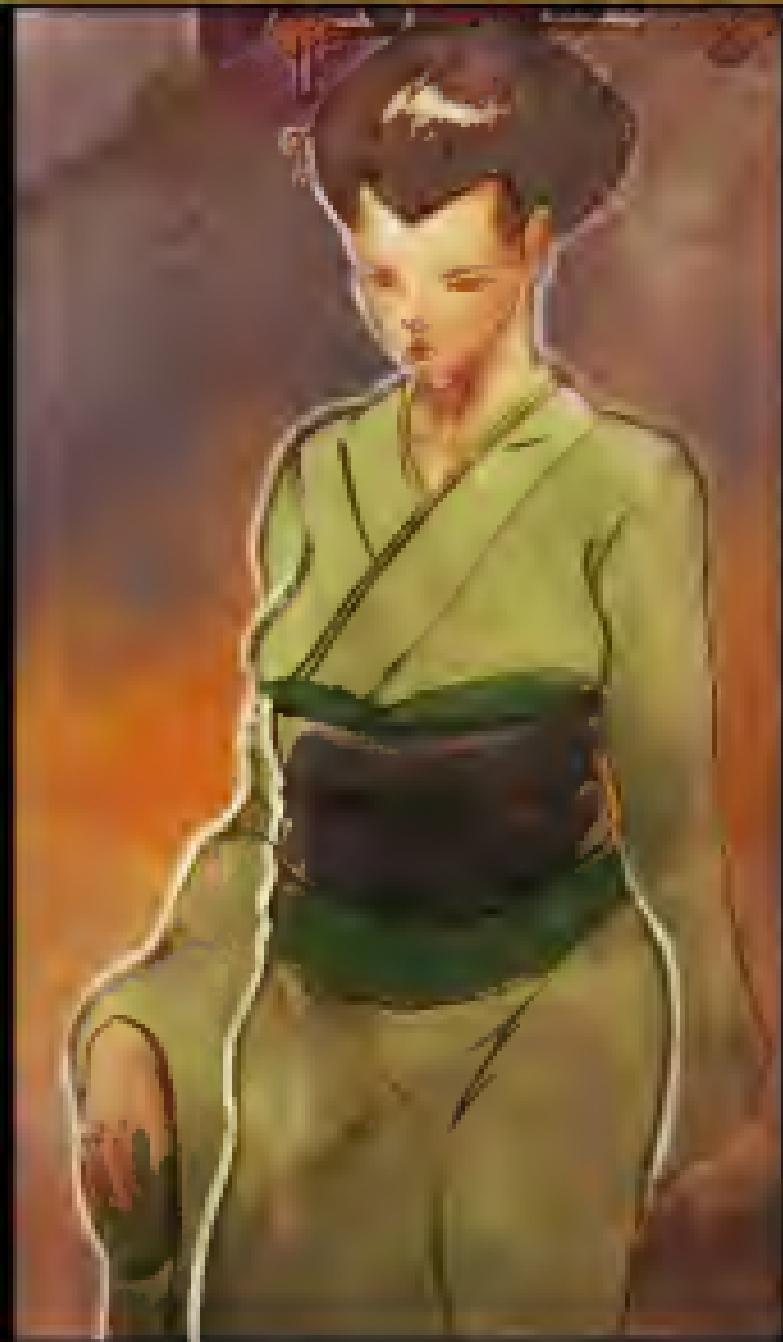


THOUGH ROBBED OF
HIS WAR, DEATH WOULD
LINGER OVER HIS HOUSE.

STRANGE
DEATHS.

UNNATURAL
DEATHS.

HE WAS SPECIFICALLY TOLD...



DO NOT LOOK UPON HER NOR LET
HER SPEAK; FOR HER BEAUTY
WILL STAY YOUR HAND AND HER
WORDS WILL POISON YOUR WILL!"

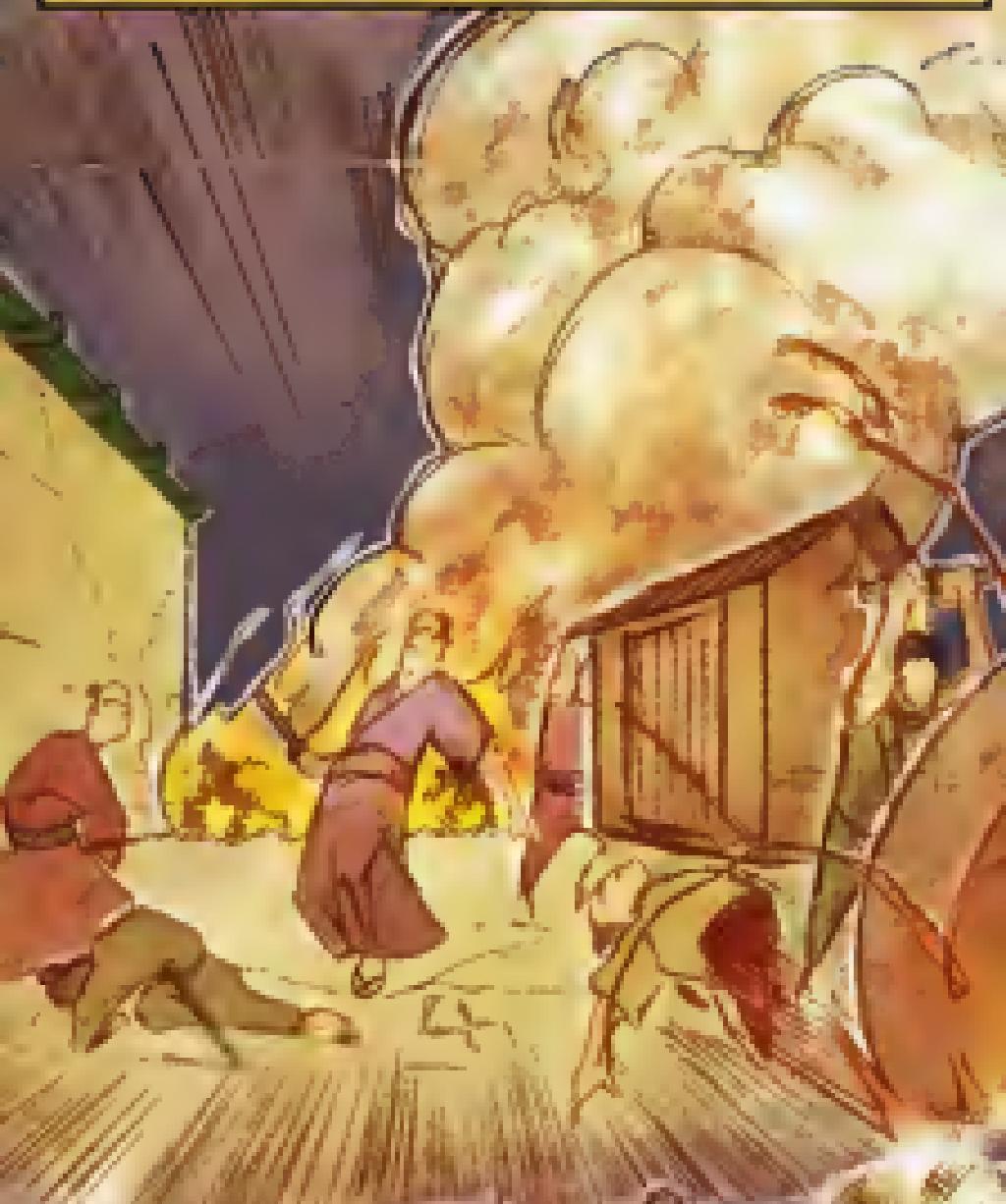


THIS
PERSON HERE
LIVES SOMEWHERE
CALLED ALASKA
AND THEIR CLOSEST
NEIGHBOR IS THREE
MILES AWAY.

NO WAY. I
DON'T BELIEVE
THAT.

IT SAYS
SO RIGHT
HERE.

SUDDENLY, AN EXPLOSION GOES OFF IN FRONT OF THE CARRIAGE KILLING THREE GUARDS. BEFORE THE REMAINING GUARD CAN GATHER ITSELF, THE ROAD BEHIND GOES UP IN FLAMES. RETREAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!





OH.

CAN
YOU TELL A
DIFFERENT
ONE?

WELL...



EHMM--



WE...
REALLY CAN'T
STAY LONG.

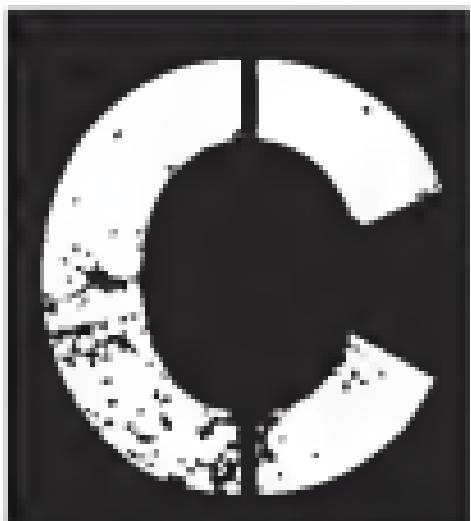


DON'T
WORRY...

HER ENEMIES
SIMPLY DISAPPEAR!



SHE NEVER MARRIES BUT
SHE DOES BEAR A CHILD
WITH EYES COLD AS DEATH.



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ONE



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HE'S DEAD BEFORE
HE HITS THE GROUND.

A boy and a girl are having a conversation. The boy, on the left, is wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt and has a neutral expression. The girl, on the right, has dark hair in braids and is wearing a purple top. A speech bubble above the boy contains the word 'PLANES?' and a speech bubble below the girl contains the word 'YEAH.'.

PLANES?

YEAH.



YOU NEVER
KNOW, DANIEL.
THAT SCHOOL IS
SUPPOSED TO BE
IMPOSSIBLE TO
GET INTO. ARE
YOU SURE YOU
PASSED IT?



YES.

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IT'S
NOTHING.

HE'S JUST BEING
SHY. HIS STORIES
ARE THE BEST. THERE
WAS ONE ABOUT A WAR,
AND A PILOT AND THIS
AWESOME PLANE.

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HI
DANIEL.

H-HI
ARIANA.

I'M GLAD
YOU'RE HERE.
I WANTED TO
SHOW YOU
SOMETHING.

...THE ROYAL CARRIAGE, RETURNING FROM A DIPLOMATIC MISSION, TO A NEIGHBORING PROVINCE, TRAVELS ALONG A POORLY LIT ROAD; ESCORTED BY THE REALM'S TEN BRAVEST WARRIORS.



THE HILT
SPLITS HIS NOSE.

A GUSH
OF BLOOD.



A MOMENT'S
BLINDNESS.

**VIOLENT
DEATHS.**



**CLAIMING ALL
HIS MALE HEIRS...**



--MAKES HIM
RECKLESS.

UH, DO
YOU NEED ANY
HELP?



**CALIFORNIA?
I'VE HEARD OF
THAT PLACE.**



**YEAH WE DON'T
GET MUCH FROM
THERE, THOUGH. THERE
ISN'T MUCH DEMAND
FOR FOREIGN GOODS
IN KOWLOON.**

**WE GET RID OF A
LOT OF SURPLUS BUT
MY DAD LETS ME KEEP
SOME THINGS AS LONG
AS I KEEP THEM NEAT
AND SWEEP UP.**

